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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION: ADDEQUAY AND ENID ALLOTEY

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TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE FOR GOEG FOLLOWS:

AS THE GOVERNMENT OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA HAS BEEN INFORMED  
IN THE PAST, THE USG, IN ITS DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL TO THE  
YOUNG REPUBLIC OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA WHICH HAS BEEN THE  
VICTIM OF A SUBSTANTIAL FRAUD PERPETRATED BY ADDOQUAY  
AND ENID ALLOTEY, THEN RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES, HAS  
UNDERTAKEN EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS TO TRY TO BRING THE ALLOTEYS  
TO JUSTICE.

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FOLLOWING AN EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY THE U. S. POSTAL SERVICE, UNDERTAKEN AT THE REQUEST OF THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE ALLOTEYS WERE INDICTED ON JANUARY 22, 1973 IN NEW YORK FOR MAIL FRAUD AND WIRE FRAUD. THE INDICTMENT CHARGES THE ALLOTEYS ( DOING BUSINESS AS STEPHEN & CO.) WITH ORDERING BY MAIL AND WIRE AND RECEIVING FROM THE EG CHAMBER OF ARGICULTURE TWO ORDERS OF COCOA BEANS WITH THE INTENTION TO DEFRAUD THE EXPORTER. A REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION TO THE UNITED STATES WAS MADE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA ( WHERE THE ALLOTEYS ARE NOW RESIDING) ON FEBRUARY 22, 1973, AND WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THEY WERE ARRESTED IN ACCRA ON MARCH 15. MR ALLOTEY IS AT LIBERTY ON BAIL BECAUSE OF HIS POOR HEALTH; MRS. ALLOTEY IS BEING HELD IN PRISON. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS IN GHANA WILL PROBABLY TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS BUT WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA WILL SHORTLY AGREE TO THE U. S. G. REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION SO THAT ALLOTEYS MAY BE TRIED IN NEW YORK.

OUR EMBASSY IN ACCRA HAS EXPLAINED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA THAT EG IS THE VICTIM OF THE FRAUD PERPETRATED BY THE ALLOTEYS AND THAT THE USG EFFORTS TO BRING THEM TO JUSTICE ARE AN ATTEMPT TO HELP THE GOEG OBTAIN REDRESS. THE GOG HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE IN RESPONDING TO OUR REQUEST. SINCE IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THE EXTRA-ORDINARY EFFORT SO FAR EXPENDED NOT BE WASTED, HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY URGES THE GOVERNMENT OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA TO CONFIRM TO THE GOG THAT EQUATORIAL GUINEA IS INDEED THE VICTIM OF THE FRAUD AND TO EXPRESS TO THE GOGO THE IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHES TO SEEING THE JUDICIAL PROCESS REACH A SPEEDY CONCLUSION. SUCH AN APPROACH TO THE GOG WOULD ERASE ANY POSSIBLE DOUBT IN THE MINDS OF THE GHANAIAN JUDICIARY OF THE GOEG 'S DIRECT INTEREST IN THE MATTER.

THE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE USG BY THE GOEG LAST YEAR ESTABLISHED SOME ESSENTIAL FACTS FOR THE GRAND JURY. IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ASK FOR AUTHENTICATED COPIES FOR THE ACTUAL TRIAL.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS HOPEFUL THAT EVIDENCE PRODUCED BY THE INVESTIGATION WILL PROVIDE A VERY EFFICTIVE CASE AGAINST THE ALLOTEYS WHEN THEY COME TO TRIAL. THE INVESTIGATION ALSO SUGGESTS THAT THE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

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MAY REVEAL LIABILITY TO THE GOEG ON THE PART OF ONE OR MORE

OTHER PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE COCOA TRANSACTION. THIS INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL TO THE GOEG IN UNDERTAKING CIVIL ACTION IN THE COURTS TO TRY TO RECOVER THE MONEY LOST BY THE FRAUD.

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